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SUBJECT: DELAY IN ISSUANCE OF GOJ 1978 BUDGET

REF: A) AMMAN 9624 (NOTAL), B) AMMAN 9621 (NOTAL)  
C) AMMAN 322 (NOTAL)

1. THOUGH ISSUANCE OF ANNUAL GOJ BUDGET HAS OCCASIONALLY IN PAST BEEN DELAYED UNTIL AFTER BUDGET YEAR HAS BEGUN, FOR LAST TWO YEARS GOJ HAS JUST MANAGED TO ANNOUNCE BUDGET PRIOR TO BEGINNING OF BUDGET YEAR THROUGH DINT OF LAST MINUTE WORK TO COMPLETE BUDGET DOCUMENT. IT NOW APPEARS THAT 1978 BUDGET WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL ALMOST MID-JANUARY.

2. PRIME MINISTER BADRAN HAS INFORMED AMBASSADOR THAT 1978 BUDGET WILL NOT BE FINALIZED UNTIL PRIME MINISTER MAKES VISIT TO RIYADH IN QUEST OF INCREASED SAUDI BUDGET SUPPORT. IN TOTAL, PRIME MINISTER TELLS US HE WILL SEEK APPROXIMATELY \$350 MILLION IN CASH GRANTS (INCLUDING \$40-50 MILLION AS SUBSIDY ON CRUDE OIL IMPORTS FROM SAUDI ARABIA) AND \$150 MILLION FMS CREDIT GUARANTEE.

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ACCORDING TO INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO EMBASSY, TOTAL SAUDI CASH TRANSFERS IN 1977 (REF B)) WERE ABOUT \$210 (\$30 MILLION IN KHARTOUM SUBSIDIES, \$40 MILLION IN OIL SUBSIDY, AND \$140 MILLION CHECK).

3. MAJOR PART OF PROBLEM IN 1978 BUDGET IS INCREASED ALLOCATION REQUESTED BY JORDANIAN MILITARY. JORDANIAN

MILITARY BUDGET REQUEST FOR 1978 MAY REACH CLOSE TO \$350 MILLION  
AS OPPOSED \$234 MILLION WRITTEN INTO DRAFT BUDGET  
DOCUMENT BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE. AMOUNT APPEARING IN  
DRAFT BUDGET EQUALLED ACTUAL MILITARY EXPENDITURES  
IN 1977, ACCORDING TO PRIME MINISTER.

4. UNTIL SUCH TIME AS 1978 BUDGET IS FINALIZED,  
EACH MINISTRY AND AGENCY COVERED BY BUDGET WILL BE  
ALLOWED TO SPEND ONE-TWELFTH OF 1977 EXPENDITURES  
EACH MONTH.

5. WE BELIEVE WILLINGNESS OF SAUDIS TO COMMIT \$110 MILLION  
TO FINANCE JORDANIAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS  
IN CY 1978 (REF C) IS ENTIRELY SEPARATE AND DISTINCT  
FROM PROSPECTIVE GOJ REQUEST FOR \$350 MILLION  
IN BUDGET SUPPORT.  
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